

significantly reduce congestion and improve air quality by investing in mass transit, either bus or rail. Like you, we believe that this can also be achieved in our national parks, which during peak months become the equivalent of American cities, inundated with hundreds of millions of visitors each year. Therefore, ATU supports the adoption of the Transit in Parks Act as part of TEA 21's reauthorization.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this and any other transit issues with you or your staff at any time. As always, thank you for your continuous support of the people who proudly provide public transportation services for millions of Americans each day, and for recognizing that mass transit can provide benefits beyond our cities and suburbs.

Sincerely,

WARREN S. GEORGE,  
*International President.*

APRIL 21, 2005.

Hon. PAUL SARBANES,  
*Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.*

DEAR SENATOR SARBANES: the Community Transportation Association continues to support your efforts to provide alternative transportation strategies in our national parks and other public lands. Our association's 7,500 members provide public and community transportation services in many of the smaller communities that border these national parks, monuments, and recreational areas, and our association has members actively involved in providing transportation services at several national parks.

All of us know the danger that congestion and increases in traffic pose for the future of these sites and locations. Your continued sponsorship of the Transit in Parks Act is an important step in helping ensure that America's natural beauty and historic treasures remain a continuous part of our nation's future. We have members throughout the country whose experiences support the principle that public transit investments in and near national parks and public lands can improve mobility, support the economic vitality of these parks' "gateway communities," and make dramatic improvements in the experiences of park visitors, employees, and community residents alike.

We appreciate your dedicated efforts and initiative in this regard, and look forward to helping you advance this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

DALE J. MARSICO, CCTM,  
*Executive Director.*

#### AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

##### SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND CAPABILITIES

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on April 22, 2005, at 9:30 a.m., in open and closed session to receive testimony on U.S. Special Operations Command in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2006.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### TRANSPORTATION EQUITY ACT: A LEGACY FOR USERS—MOTION TO PROCEED

##### CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I now move to proceed to calendar No. 69, H.R. 3, the highway bill, and I send a cloture motion to the desk.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the chair directs the clerk to read the motion.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

##### CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 69, H.R. 3, a bill to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.

Bill Frist, John Warner, Lindsey Graham, Craig Thomas, Mike DeWine, Richard Burr, Susan Collins, Johnny Isakson, James Inhofe, Gordon Smith, Pete Domenici, Thad Cochran, John Thune, Orrin Hatch, Chuck Grassley, David Vitter, Mitch McConnell.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the live quorum be waived and the vote occur at 11:45 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR—S. 870, S. 871, S. 872, S. 873, AND S. 874

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I understand there are five bills at the desk that are due for a second reading.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report the bills for a second time.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 870) to prohibit energy market manipulation.

A bill (S. 871) to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that the strength of the Armed Forces and the protections and benefits for members of the Armed Forces and their families are adequate for keeping the commitment of the people of the United States to support their servicemembers, and for other purposes.

A bill (S. 872) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the taxation of income of controlled foreign corporations attributable to imported property.

A bill (S. 873) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to deliver a meaningful benefit and lower prescription drug prices under the medicare program.

A bill (S. 874) to establish a national health program administered by the Office of Personnel Management to offer health benefits plans to individuals who are not Federal employees, and for other purposes.

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, in order to place the bills on the calendar

under provisions of rule XIV, I object to further proceeding.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection is heard. The bills will be placed on the calendar.

#### ORDERS FOR MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 2 p.m. on Monday, April 25. I further ask that following the prayer and the pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved, and the Senate then resume consideration of the motion to proceed to H.R. 3, the highway bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### AUTHORITY TO FILE STATEMENTS UNTIL 12 P.M. NOON

Mr. BENNETT. I further ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, Senators be permitted to submit statements for the RECORD until 12 p.m. noon today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PROGRAM

Mr. BENNETT. Mr. President, on Monday, the Senate will resume the motion to proceed to the highway bill. There will be no rollcall votes on Monday but Senators are encouraged to come to the floor to make their statements with respect to the bill.

As a reminder, a few minutes ago, cloture was filed on the motion to proceed to the bill and that cloture vote will occur at 11:45 on Tuesday of next week. That will be the first rollcall vote of next week. Next week is the last week prior to the Senate recess and Senators should expect a busy week with votes as we make progress on the highway legislation.

#### ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 2 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2005

Mr. BENNETT. If there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 11:05 a.m., adjourned until Monday, April 25, 2005, at 2 p.m.